

SR 161 Graham Work Group A Notes

4/24/03

“What do you like about the route?”

- Rural drive
- Trees and fields
- No businesses
- Not 4 lanes
- Scenic to Mount Rainier
- Only one signal
- Tranquility

“What are the problems you see on the route?”

Safety

1. 274th sight distance poor due to hill.
2. 274th needs right turn lane.
3. At top of Graham Hill not enough sight distance to see oncoming hill truck climbing lane ends at same place left turns happen.
4. Utility pole and phone box at 274th blocks sight distance
5. Bank on shoulder at 274th blocks sight distance.
6. No shoulder is dangerous for bikes (there's a lot of bikes)
7. Speeds are too high coming down Graham Hill
8. Check sight distance at all turns.
9. Especially Barney Larsen Road.
10. High speed is a problem near landfill
11. There seems to be lots of accidents near the intersection of Barney Larsen Rd
12. Turn warning placard near Barney Larsen Road intersection needs to be sooner.

Congestion:

1. Need to fix congestion.

Route/Environmental

1. Not enough natural vegetation on shoulder/landscaping.
2. Ponds on Graham Hill and at 234th Street create drainage problem
3. Northerly pond at 234th Street doesn't drain is hazard for kids falling in
4. Jake brakes too loud.

Transit / Alternate Modes

1. Nowhere to walk.

Solution Suggestions

1. Prefer tree lined four-lane parkway with center divider and natural plantings.
2. Put utilities underground
3. Install horse path/bike lane/walking path
4. Suggest 40mph coming down Graham Hill
5. Install fence around stormwater detention pond at 234th.

Priorities

“What is the most important thing to preserve on the route?”

- No businesses
- Scenic to Mount Rainier
- Only one signal
- Tranquility

“What are the three most important issues on the route?”

- Need to fix congestion
- Speeds too high coming down Graham Hill.
- No shoulders whole length of route
- Sight distance a problem on Graham Hill